



**Official Breed Standard
of the
Kennel Union of South Africa**



CESKY TERRIER

UTILISATION

Formerly a Terrier breed for hunting foxes and badgers, today more a house and companion dog.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SUMMARY

The Czech Terrier is the result of an appropriate crossbreeding between a Sealyham Terrier dog and a Scotch Terrier bitch, with the aim to develop a light, short legged, well pigmented hunting Terrier, with practical drop ears, easy to groom and easy to train. In 1949 Mr. František Horák from Klánovice near Prague started to improve the breed by fixing their characteristics. In 1959 these dogs were shown for the first time and the breed was finally recognised by the FCI in 1963.

GENERAL APPEARANCE

Short legged, long haired, well made and well muscled Terrier with medium size drop ears, of a rectangular format.

IDEAL MEASUREMENTS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Height at withers	29 cm	27 cm
Length of skull	21 cm	20 cm
Width of skull	10 cm	9 cm
Girth of thorax (behind elbows)	45 cm	44 cm
Length of body	43 cm	40 cm

BEHAVIOUR/TEMPERAMENT

Quiet, non-aggressive, pleasant and cheerful companion, easy to train; somewhat reserved towards strangers; of especially calm and kind disposition.

HEAD

Shaped like a long, blunt, not too broad wedge, the plane of the forehead forming a distinctive angle with the bridge of the nose.

Cranial Region

Skull

Not too broad between the ears and tapering moderately towards the supraorbital ridges. Occipital protuberance easy to palpate; cheek bones moderately prominent. Frontal furrow only slightly marked.

Stop

Not accentuated but apparent.

Facial Region

Nose

Dark and well developed. It should be black on Terriers with a grey-blue coat and liver coloured on milk-coffee brown Terriers.

Nasal Bridge

Straight.

Jaws/Teeth

Strong jaws. Scissors or level bite; complete dentition (the absence of the 2 M3 in the lower jaw not being penalised). Teeth strong, regularly aligned and set square to the jaw.

Lips

Relatively thick, fitting neatly.

Cheeks

Cheek bones not very prominent.

Eyes

Of medium size, slightly deep set, with a friendly expression; well covered by the overhanging eyebrows. Brown to dark brown in grey-blue coated dogs, light brown in milk-coffee-brown dogs.

Ears

Of medium size, dropping in such a way as to well cover the orifice. Set on rather high and falling flat along the cheeks. Shaped like a triangle, with the shorter side of the triangle at the fold of the ear.

NECK

Medium long, quite strong, carried on a slant. The skin at the throat is somewhat loose but without forming a dewlap.

BODY

Oblong.

Upper line

Never totally straight because loins and rump are always moderately arched.

Withers

Not very pronounced; neck set on rather high.

Back

Strong, of medium length.

Loins

Relatively long, muscular, broad and slightly rounded.

Rump

Strongly developed, muscular; pelvis moderately slanting. Hip bones often slightly higher than the withers.

Chest

More cylindrical than deep; ribs well sprung.

Belly

Ample and slightly tucked up. Flanks well filled.

Tail

The ideal length is 18-20 cm; relatively strong and low set. At rest hanging downward or with a slight bend at the tip; when alert the tail is carried sabre shape horizontally or higher.

LIMBS

Forequarters

The forelegs should be straight, well boned and parallel.

Shoulders

Muscular.

Elbows

Loose, yet neither turned in nor out.

Forefeet

Large, well arched toes and strong nails. Pads well developed and thick.

Hindquarters

Hindlegs strong, parallel, well angulated and muscular.

Lower Thigh

Short.

Hock Joint

Set relatively high, strongly developed.

Hindfeet

Smaller than the forefeet.

GAIT

Free, enduring, vigorous, with drive. Gallop slow but lasting. The forelegs extend in a straight forward line.

SKIN

Firm, thick, without wrinkles or dewlap, pigmented.

COAT

Texture

Hair long, fine but firm, slightly wavy with a silky gloss; not too much overdone. The Czech Terrier is groomed by scissors (clipping). At the forepart of the head the hair is not to be clipped thus forming brows and beard.

On the lower parts of the legs, under the chest and belly the hair should not be clipped either. In show condition the hair at the upper side of the neck, on the shoulders and on the back should not be longer than 1-1.5 cm; it should be shorter on the sides of the body and on the tail and very short on the ears, cheeks, at the lower side of the neck, on elbows, thighs and round the vent. The transition between clipped and unclipped areas should be pleasing for the eye and fluent.

Colour

The Czech Terrier has 2 varieties of coat colour :

Grey-blue (puppies are born black)

Milk-coffee-brown (puppies born chocolate brown)

In both colour varieties yellow, grey or white markings are permitted on the head (beard, cheeks), neck, chest, belly, the limbs and round the vent. Sometimes there is also a white collar or a white tip of the tail. The basic colour, however, must always be predominant.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Height at withers : Between 25 - 32 cm.

Ideal size for a Dog : 29 cm
Bitch : 27 cm.

The weight must not be less than 6 kg and more than 10 kg.

FAULTS

Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree.

Weak construction

Temporary loss of nasal pigmentation (snow nose)

Weak, short or too snipey foreface, with weakly developed teeth

Absence of one (1) incisor, canine held back

Eyes too big or protruding

Ears too big or too small, or different in shape or carriage as described in the standard

Back too long or too short, soft

Crooked forelegs, incorrect front

Coat too fine or too coarse.

DISQUALIFYING FAULTS

Absence of more than 4 teeth altogether; absence of 2 or more incisors

Canine placed in vestibulo position

Over or undershot mouth

Entropion or ectropion

Chest circumference more than 50 cm

Curled tail or carried over the back

Long brindled coat on dogs older than 2 years

Coarse or curled cottonwool type hair

White markings covering more than 20%; white blaze on the head

Irregular, jerky, spasmodic movements ('Scottie cramp')

Weight above 10 kg or less than 6 kg

Shyness, nervously unbalanced or aggressive disposition

NOTE

Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum.

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